ABSTRACT

A flange is for use in a reel for supporting a wound flexible medium. The reel includes an elongated core defining a longitudinal core axis. The flange includes a first annular wall oriented substantially perpendicular to the axis and engaging the core. A second annular wall is oriented substantially perpendicular to the axis and is offset in an axial direction from the first annular wall. At least one connecting wall interconnects the second annular wall and the first annular wall. A first annular rim is attached to the first annular wall or the second annular wall and is oriented substantially parallel to the axis.